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The Refugee Question

by Ethan Friedman, LL.B. IV

Lawyers for Social Responsibility hosted an insightful and informative seminar on November 9 devoted to the refugee question and its inter-relationship with Immigration Law. Guatemala was chosen as a representative case study as co-host Peter Golden presented a slide show which touched upon the general situation within this troubled central American nation and gave those attending first-hand accounts of the many refugee encampments where approximately 200,000 Guatemalans find themselves in neighbouring Mexico.

The eighties have been a brutal decade for the largely indigenous population, as the military-led regimes have committed gross human rights violations through genocide of peasants, as well as the student intelligentsia, stripped many of their lands, forcing relocation in a prison-like concentration camp setting and essentially created a climate of fear. Fleeing such persecution, these refugees have settled mainly in the Mexican border state Chiapas as well as the Yucatán states of Campeche and Quintane Roo.

Golden explained that Mexico, unlike Canada is not a signatory to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees so that aid personnel must work with the National refugee organization C.O.M.A.R. Only one-sixth of the Guatemalan-refugees have been formally recognized as refugees while the remainder are at the mercy of the Mexican government who

can forcibly deport them at any time.

Golden's presentation ended with the story of an uprooted Guatemalan elderly couple who are presently in central Mexico while one of their children presently lives in British Columbia. They remain with a daughter who was denied refugee status by the Canadian government. This human fragment provided a continuity for Elizabeth Eid's coverage of recent developments on the Canadian scene, specifically the significant changes to the 1976 Immigration Act in Bills C-55 and C-84 and their impact on Canada's commitment to the global refugee crisis. Eid emphasized that these new provisions will severely impair a refugee claimant's ability to have his case heard as a pre-screening process at the border will probably eliminate two third without allowing one to have his/her case heard on the merits.

The *bête noire* of this procedure is the safe third country concept which will function to send the central American claimant travelling overland to the United States (the country of first asylum) where a claim should have been made. Of the Guatemalans attempting such a claim, approximately ninety-seven percent have lost their cases and have been deported. Given Canada's obligation as signatory to the Geneva Convention and protocol which prohibits the sending back of refugees to a setting where they are likely to be persecuted, Eid stated that the pre-screening process violates the Convention and the Canadian commitments thereunder.

Finally, for the few who make it to the following stages, a basic lack of procedural fairness and narrowed appeal and review

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Quotes of the Week

Doug Cunningham on Dean Macdonald's imminent retirement:
"Old deans never die; they just lose their faculties."

En parlant des méandres de la jurisprudence touchant le contrôle judiciaire, le Professeur Morissette a déclaré:
"...Moi, je sème la clarté..."

On what subjects lay people are permitted to give evidence:
"We don't let people raised by wolves testify as to how fast a car was going." - (who else but) Professor Sklar.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Term I Examination Schedules

Fall Term Examination Schedules are now available at the Student Affairs Office.

Examination Numbers

All Law Faculty examinations are written by an Examination Number: these numbers are now available at the Student Affairs Office.

Deadline for Submission of Essays and Term Papers

Please note that all essays and term papers are due at the Student Affairs Office by Friday, December 2, 5:00 p.m.

Extensions are not granted without prior permission from the Associate Dean.

New Journal/Review Study

Candidates wishing to participate in the study proposal are asked to sign-up in SAO.

It will take place next semester!

Forum National presents M. Pat Peacock, President of the Canadian Bar Association who will explain the Canadian Bar's role as well as several projects in which it is involved.

La Conférence aura lieu mercredi le 6 novembre à 13h00, au local 201.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

Suggested Shopping List

Canned Meat
Canned Fish
Canned Vegetables
Canned or Dried Fruit
Soups
Stews
Crackers
Cookies
Pastas
Candies
Toys

And anything else you can spare!

Remember our donations will go to assist the more than 5000 who benefit from the Sun Youth and Garde Manger Christmas Basket Programs.

Food Basket donations can be dropped in the basket in the Pit or at the happy house coffee hour from Nov. 8th to to Nov. 26th.

For additional information contact Robin Reid, Lisa Balaban or your class presidents.

Transfert - Barreau - Québec

Gars de Montréal terminant son BAC à Québec cherche transfert pour me permettre de revenir à Montréal pour y faire mon Barreau (pour sept. '89).

Stephane (418) 694-0291

Student Participation in the Cyclical Review Process

by Johanne Poirier, B.C.L. II

The cyclical review is a periodic evaluation of the Law Faculty. Every five years, a committee of internal (McGill-related) and external examiners check on the faculty's health. Their verdict has a direct impact on the allocation of resources and generally the relationship between the faculty and the university. That is to say, their evaluation has direct consequences for the quality of our education.

The L.S.A. held an open forum on the cyclical review at which students expressed their concerns relating to the library, the National Programme, the bilingual character of the faculty, the overcrowding of classes and the poor quality of the facilities (re article by Geneviève Saumier, Nov. 15/88). A six page-document was subsequently prepared and presented to both the internal and external evaluators.

Norbert Haensel and myself met with both groups. What a balanced team: a man, a woman, an anglo, a francophone, a common lawyer, a civilian, an eternal optimist, a permanent complainer ...

We generally felt that the internal committee, used to the McGill endemic lack of funding, was less inclined to sympathize with some of our concerns, although they diligently listened to them. They were particularly interested in our requests concerning the need for a fully-developed and staffed computer system and our position on the bilingual character of the Faculty.

The external committee composed of law

professors from the U. of S. and Laval as well as the librarian of the University of Alberta, inquired about the library, the collection, the use of the computerized data-base systems and the fact that McGill law students have the highest rate of photocopier use!! We also discussed the nature of the National Programme, the comparative quality of teaching received from "younger" and "older" faculty members, as well as the use of practitioners to teach many upper year courses.

The question of student input in administrative decisions, the major contentious issue for student in the last cyclical review, was not considered a major problem this time. Generally we feel that the Dean's office is open to students' con-

cerns to the extent that most problems can be resolved on an informal basis.

Seven students now sit on the Faculty Council and its committees. However, the faculty council meet very infrequently and tends to be a rubber-stamping body. Student input is very limited on certain committees. It is feared therefore that if the new Dean were not as accessible to students as Dean Macdonald is, student voices might be relatively silenced.

The cyclical review committee should table its report early next term in order to exert some influence on the selection of the new Dean. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, a copy of the document we presented is available at the L.S.A office.

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mechanisms are the problematic themes which undermine the claimant's chances. Eid suggested that the overall scheme violates the Charter under s. 7 given the 1985 Supreme Court of Canada's *Singh* decision.

The speakers' presentations left the twenty or thirty attending with a strong impression and, hopefully, a note of discomfort and concern. The L.S.R. is to be complimented on a fine effort, bringing home the humanitarian plight of the refugee amidst the larger "business as usual" rhythms of the Faculty.

Debate '88

Results of the balloting following the student debate:

Is the Free Trade Agreement good for Canada?

L'Accord de libre-échange est-il bon pour le Canada?

Before the debate / Avant le débat:

Yes/Oui 35 No/Non 36 ??? 19

After the debate / Après le débat:

Yes/Oui 35 No/Non 42 ??? 13

Attendance/Assistance 130 Votes 90

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 1988

Nov. 23 8h00 Law & You Seminars
 "A Practical Approach to Problems in Today's
 Commercial Legal Practice"
 Sponsored by McGill University Faculty of Law
 and Montreal Young Bar Association
 Moot Court, Room 101, 102
 and the Common Room

Nov. 23 12h00 Law Games' Meeting
 Room 200

Nov. 23 13h00 M. Pat Peacock, President of the Canadian
 Bar Association
 Sponsored by Forum National
 Room 201

Nov. 26 21h00 Law/Med Party
 Union Ballroom

DECEMBER 1988

Dec. 2, 3 8h00 Law & You Seminars
 "A Comprehensive Examination of International
 Trade Issues"
 Sponsored by McGill Faculty of Law, World Trade
 Centre Montreal, La Chambre de Commerce du
 Québec and the Institute of Comparative Law of
 McGill University

Dec. 9 Legal Theory Workshop
 Bernard Rudden (Oxford)
 Room 202

Dec. 22 End of Exams / Christmas Party
 Place TBA

Language Courses - Winter 1989

This coming Winter Session the Languages and Translation Department of the Centre for Continuing Education will offer a wide range of courses commencing the week of January 9, 1989, as follows:

English and French - Elementary to advanced levels

In order to determine the students' level of language proficiency, all new students are required to take a classification test before they can register for English and French courses. Application for the test can be made in person at: **The Languages Department**, Centre for Continuing Education, Redpath Library Building, room 214.

Tickets are available Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The fee for the test is \$7.00 (non-refundable). **NO CHEQUES, PLEASE.**

Tests for the French courses will be held on:
Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Tests for English courses will be held on:
Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Applicants will be notified by mail of the level at which they have been classified.

REGISTRATION: Will take place on 14 (returning students only), December 15, 1988 and January 4, 1989, at the University Centre, 3480 McTavish Street, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact the centre for Continuing Education, Department of languages, 398-6160.

Letter to the Editor

Je suis tanné to have to put up with des discours officiels, des articles dans le *Quid*, and other assorted presentations ici à la Faculté de droit in the two official languages entremêlées. Are we afraid that if we don't put a petite dose of French in our mot à dire that la langue du Québec might be definitively écartée? Can we so easily se donner bonne conscience?

Je serais comblé si je rencontrais à la faculté des présentations aussi cohérentes dans leur choix de langue (anglais, *ou français*) que dans leur argumentation.

Glenn McDonald, LL.B. II
le 16 novembre, 1988.

Bar/Bri - New York Bar Review Program

Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia define only the limits of your imagination, not the possibilities available to you as a law school graduate. Alternatives do exist outside of Canada, and New York is one of the more attractive of these. Bar/Bri offers the most extensive of all the bar preparatory courses in New York, as well as offering preparatory courses for bar exams in most other states.

Being a member of the New York Bar also has attractive advantages for the student who is not necessarily interested in practicing law, either in Canada or in the States. If you are considering working abroad, being a member of the New York Bar carries considerable weight with overseas companies.

All those interested in either writing the New York Bar, or simply in obtaining more information, are asked to contact Joani Tannenbaum at 989-1529 for details.

*****REMINDER:** If you register for the Bar/Bri Law Review Course before Friday, November 25th, you will save \$150 U.S. off the regular price of the course.

Chomsky to Deliver Massey Lectures

by J. Rudolph, LL. B. II

Noam Chomsky, professor of linguistics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be giving the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's prestigious Massey Lectures. These lectures will be delivered on five consecutive evening, beginning on November 28, at 9:05 p.m. each evening; 940 on your radio dial.

Chomsky is well known for his scholarship on linguistics, yet his numerous books on contemporary history are rarely referred to in the mainstream presses. CBC radio will thus be providing listeners with a rare opportunity to appreciate his view on the foreign policy of the United States.

An appreciation of Chomsky's writing often makes it unpalatable to read the popular journals. For example, in the November 14, 1988 issue of "Time", a respected journalist included the following statement in an article on U.S. foreign relations: "... democracy (in a foreign country) is a sine qua non for a special relationship with the U.S."

This particular statement (like hundred of similar statements which appear daily in the U.S. media) was offered to the reader as a fact. It required no proof, since the scope of acceptable opinion (thought?) does not permit its questioning. The cumulative effect of such statements are citizens with a belief system structured upon untested assumptions.

Chomsky's writing subject these assumptions to the U.S.'s historical record and, therefore, in testing the statement quoted above Chomsky would raise the following:

(i) In 1947, the U.S. used military force to prevent the former anti-Nazi resistance in Greece from asserting independence, thereby allowing the military to rule. (This may possibly explain why democratic

Greece now has strained relations with the U.S.)

(ii) In 1953, the U.S. engineered a coup in Iran to overthrow the elected Premier, Mosaddegh, thus enabling the Shah to return to control. (This might explain why those "fanatical" Iranians denounce the "land of the free".)

(iii) In 1954, the U.S. organized the overthrow of the elected Guatemalan government of President Arbenz, thus permitting the military to regain control.

(iv) In 1965, the U.S. invaded the Dominican Republic with 20,000 troops, to prevent the displacement of a fascist regime by the constitutionalist regime of Juan Bosch (who

had been overthrown by a military coup in 1963, without eliciting any U.S. intervention).

(v) See (iii) above, and replace "1954" with "1973", "Guatemala" with "Chile" and "Arbenz" with "Pinochet" (no need to replace "military").

Unfortunately, the above historical record is far from complete. For example, note how Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia once enjoyed a "special relationship" with the U.S.

The reason the U.S. persists in overthrowing popular regimes, while supporting dictatorships, is explained by Chomsky:

"Preservation of the Fifth Freedom (i.e. the

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Who Me? Yes You!

by Michael Marcovitz, B.C.L. I

Welcoming all my classmates in first year law, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to participate in school activities. You've heard it before and I'll repeat it again: participate, participate, PARTICIPATE! If you let the best years of your life in law school go by without participating in activities, your memories of your time at McGill will be very shallow indeed. Join a club (or even worse, the L.S.A.!), go to the parties (I heard the one at the Metropolis was great!) or write articles for the *Quid* (they forced me!). There's a myriad of options. I'm not saying you should do everything, but at least do *something*. Ten years down the line it won't make a difference whether you got an A or an A- in Obligations II (okay, so I'm dreaming a little bit), but who you met while you were here and those memories, you take away with you. Make

them good ones. Think about it.

In the past year, you student council has been hard at work on your behalf. This year promises to be another exciting and challenging one which will see further improvements made to the school. The Law Games are just around the corner (and after one suicidal exam period). This year, they are in Quebec City and it promises to be a BLAST. I encourage everyone to go. If at any point you should have any questions or concerns you would like to voice do not hesitate to call me or one of your other student representatives.

To end on an up note, here's a joke for you. Why do they bury lawyers 15 feet down? Because deep down they're really good people!

Bonne chance et bon succès.

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freedom of the U.S. to exploit weaker countries) quite regularly requires measures that tend to harm human rights and living standards, and with meaningful steps towards democracy, governments will tend to be more responsive to domestic needs, thus threatening our control of the human and material resources that must be at our command ..."

The mainstream justification for U.S. interventions, used to elicit jingoist support from the domestic population, is the all purpose: "Communist threat." It is revealing to note that when the U.S. invaded Haiti early in this century, the threat of the Huns was employed since no Bolsheviks were around yet. The artificiality of the Cold War can be seen through the fact that the world's largest democracy (India) has excellent relations with the U.S.S.R., while the largest communist country (China) has close relations with the U.S.A.

Obviously, other countries are, or were, no different from the U.S. in pursuing their interests. (Very few Frenchmen believe that 1,000,000 Algerians were killed for Algeria's interest. And no one, outside of Moscow, could possibly accept that the many interventions of the U.S.S.R. were motivated by altruism.) The challenge is to provide honest information to ordinary Americans, who wouldn't tolerate the policies of their elites, if their constitutionally protected "free presses" bothered to truly inform them.

Whether or Not to Work in a Law Firm for the Summer A Bay Street Experience

In the continuing saga of CAREERS
DAY 1989 (January 20)

by Jennifer Dolman, LL. B. III

Whereas Québec law firms seem to recruit law students from day one of law school and are in no way forbidden from doing so, Ontario law firms are considerably restricted in their hiring by the Law Society of Upper Canada. As many of you well know, for the purpose of hiring articling students, a majority of Toronto law firms are registered with the National Matching Service and can only hire articling students through that service. During "articling week", each student who is registered with the Service and who is interested in articling at one of these firms must rank the law firms at which he would be willing to accept an articling position. The National Matching Service then "matches" the student's choices with the firms' choices and hopefully both parties are content with the results.

The reason why I am describing the matching process in some detail is because it is the very process that law firms are trying to "get around" by taking the hiring of summer students very seriously. During articling interviews, the firms participating in the Matching Service cannot offer a student a job. Although assurances are made in the form of lunch and dinner invitations, a student only really knows that he has been employed when he receives the computer print-out some time in the beginning of September. On the other hand, during summer student interviews (which the Law Society insists only take place during the last week of February but do not involve the computer "matching" process), an offer can be made almost at once. What I am trying to explain is that by undergoing an enormous effort to hire the top students, law firms are able to secure themselves a number of articling students even before the articling interviews begin in August. In many cases, a majority of the articling positions are already filled come August by summer students, although at a number of firms, over 50% of articling positions are still available. All in all, there are

far more articling positions available than summer student positions.

Is this a good system from the student's point of view? Yes and no. Yes because students are given the opportunity to work in a law firm for four months without having to necessarily commit themselves to a full year articling position. They may very well decide that this firm is not the right firm for their personality, career interests, etc.... in time for applying elsewhere for an articling position. Wouldn't it be terrible to start articling only to discover that you would have preferred to work somewhere else? In some cases, summer positions enable students to work in a firm where they know they will not article. This would occur in a situation where a student wanted general articles but was interested in a particular area of law that the firm dealt in exclusively. And yet, in the vast majority of cases, students do not move to a new firm after spending a summer somewhere else. This is one of the problems with the system.

I am not suggesting that the fact that a student decides to stay on at a law firm he summered at is a bad thing. On the contrary, a student may have found the perfect law firm environment, enjoyed some challenging work and met some interesting people - all positive factors and good reasons for staying on. On the other hand, in many cases, a student may just prefer to choose the known over the

unknown, even if the known was not an incredibly positive experience. The student already knows several lawyers, has learned that particular firm's way of doing things and has made a friend in the head librarian. How does he know that another firm will have anything better to offer? How does he know he won't regret his decision to move? During articling week, every firm you interview with comes on strong; you receive one sales pitch after another, especially if you've "summered" somewhere else (it appears to be a "coup" if a law firm can "acquire" another firm's summer student during articling week).

Another problem with summer employment in Toronto is that it's hard not to have a good summer experience at a law firm. The firms want you to stay on with them. To this end, many firms treat their summer students like gold. They are paid the same salaries as articling students but are not expected to work past 6 p.m. or on weekends and it appears that the assignments are not as intense. In addition, many firms like to "entertain" their summer students. Entertainment may include white water rafting, spending weekends at partners' cottages, cocktailing in Yorkville and attending Blue Jays' games. Full course lunches and dinners are merely common events. As well, many firms provide summer memberships in downtown health clubs like the Adelaide Club and the

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Sterns on Soap

David Sterns, B.C.L. II

By now it's no secret. The soap dispensers in the men's washroom are always empty. Pump if you will but you'll be lucky if you get a bubble. Now, I know that this is nothing to get worked up into a lather about. I mean, so what? Right? Hardly something to make you put pen to paper and write to the *Quid* over. Well, maybe so. Maybe I've just been here too long and maybe I'm starting to lose the precious few marbles I had when I

walked in here. But then again, maybe not. Maybe there's something about soap, something that most people don't know.

Far back, when Canada was just a few acres of snow, an Englishman by the name of Dicey started writing a treatise. That treatise would be the seed from which our constitutional tree would grow. It was called the Rule of Soap. Such a phenomenal impact did it have that it was adopted as a pillar of English

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B.B.'s Beat the Kickers

by Mundy McLaughlin, LL.B. III

This was it. The semi-final soccer match we had to win to go on to the finals. The air was cold, the night was dark, and a hard rain beat down on the astroturf of Molson Stadium. The Kickers took the field undefeated and not scored against all season. Unfortunately this was also true of our opponents: the Bionic Bananas. We were immediately put on the defensive. Somehow they managed to get by Catherine "You Boot, I Block it" Rakush and Karen "Varsity" Nichols - how nobody knows - to score. We vowed to get even. Alison "The Boot" Wheeler maneuvered her way through the other team like a salmon swimming up rapids. Jane "Road-runner" Adolphe took the ball towards their goal, faster than the eye could see. No-one remembers what happened after that but we didn't score. On the positive side, Anjali "The Mole" Choksi worked her espionage on the Bananas and when that didn't work they just couldn't get past Irene "Force Field" Wolfe. Mundy "Mitts" McLaughlin got a friction burn on her sweatpants keeping the ball out of the net, but I think what really kept them from scoring for the rest of the half was that Anne "Miss Manners" Martin threw them off with a smile.

We entered the second half with determination and vigour. Alison "Shotgun" Hughes was everywhere. It was as if she kicked the ball way, way up into the sky, and then was there when it landed. Then she just kept kicking it at the goalie until it went in. It may not have happened exactly like that, but almost! The team could not contain its excitement. Anne-Marie "Invisible Weapon" Waters went after the ball relentlessly but somehow the other team always got it. Fiona "Silver Streak" McCrea beat them to the ball - but some other Banana had already appeared and taken it away. Cathy "Can-Do" Zuzak exhibited her new found mastery at trapping the ball - but before she could show off her skills at kicking it, it was gone! Beverly "Boom-Boom" Whitelaw rushed in to save the day, but it was too late. The score? 2 - 1 for the other team. The final stretch of the game was hopeful. Diana "Lady Day"

Young strode back and forth across the field in endless pursuit of the ball, frequently successful in making contact. Cathie "Mop It Up" MacGregor was in the clutch when necessary, maintaining constant pressure. But, alas, a third goal was scored against us with only five minutes left in the game. We kept on kicking though, right up till the final whistle - and would have kept going but ("sniff") the season was officially over for us. Next season we'll be back - and watch out! Our rookies will be seasoned pro's by them!

Much thanks to coaches Kurt "I'll Be There" Johnson and Darren "Rain or Shine" McGuire for making it that much more fun!

See y'all next year!

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constitutional law. The Rule of Soap forbade the exercise of authority with unwashed hands and placed cleanliness above godliness in the hierarchy of legal authority.

We, in Canada, inherited the English constitutional law. What's more, since the patriation of the Constitution in 1982 and the entrenchment of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, Canada guarantees to every person the right to personal hygiene. An early draft of section 7 of the *Charter*, which was subsequently amended, shows the extent to which this principle was esteemed: Every person has the right to life, soap, and security of the person.

That may well be so, I can hear the sceptics

say, but our *Charter* right to soap may not be as fully guaranteed as you pretend. After all, aren't all of our rights subject to the limitations of section 1? What if the university (a quasi-public institution whose by-laws are reviewable in light of the *Charter*) enacted an anti-soap by-law? Couldn't they get away with claiming that such laws have been considered reasonable in other free and democratic societies?

This argument, appealing at first glance, compels a brief look at the development of the fundamental right to soap which exists in another free and democratic society, France. So strong and uncontested is that right over there that it was incorporated in the famous revolutionary trinity:

liberté, fraternité, savon.. In further point of fact, it can be seen from the writings of Robespierre that the drafters of *La Déclaration des droits de l'homme* were particularly sensitive to this issue, given that the revolution was in part brought on by third estate anger over the rising price of soap.

Finally, an important lesson lies in recent French experience. It is a lesson to which university authorities should pay great heed. I am of course referring to the Student Soap Strike of May '68 - the suds of which are still being felt today in the politics of the fifth republic. Lest such an uprising occur here, the right to soap must be safeguarded.

I conclude the brief argument with a special admonition to the relevant authorities. The McGill Faculty of Law has a long tradition of protecting and promoting civil liberties and personal hygiene. It is one which must be upheld. Perhaps this point was best stated by the great civil libertarian, poet and former dean of this venerable faculty, F.R. Scott, who wrote, "when a society loses its soap, it loses its hope".

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TEMPORARY INSANITY LAW / MED PARTY

Saturday, November 26, 1988
Union Ballroom (3480 McTavish)
9 PM --- Admission : \$ 2

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NO PICTURES PLEASE....

By Tom Friedland, B.C.L. IV

Ken made me promise not to bring a camera to our final game, convinced that that had been the cause of our demise in years past. Dave spent countless hours trying to decide whether or not to wear his (actually my) lucky shirt from the Sherbrooke Law Games. After all, despite the lucky shirt we had lost in overtime in the ball hockey finals last year after having been undefeated through the season. It was decided that if the game went into extra-innings he would take it off. And Bob, who insisted that it was all in our minds, still made certain that he wore his good-luck Red Sox cap....

Superstitious? Us? Never! But whatever the case, everything finally fell into place for our intramural softball teams. That's teams plural, as both the Co-Rec "Law Sox" and Men's "Law Jays" won their respective intramural titles. Finally, after four years of trying and numerous heart-breaking near misses we finally had not one, but two ever-to-be-cherished intramural mugs. Now I can admit the real reason why I came back for fourth year....

The Men's team went through the entire season undefeated, including two victories over the other law school men's team, the "Regal Legals", 1-0 in the regular season, and 5-4 in the semi-finals. The semi-final was one of the most exciting and dramatic games ever, with Dave driving in two runs in the bottom of the last inning with a two-out single to centre field. The final was also close, the Jays emerging with a narrow 12-10 victory over the dreaded "Mighty Molars". Revenge was sweet for many reasons, not the least of which was that they had beaten us handily in an exhibition game earlier in the season.

The Co-Rec team was nearly as successful during the regular season, amassing a 4-1 record. The key game for the Law Sox occurred in the quarter-finals when they squeaked by last year's defending champs (who hadn't lost a game in two years until we beat them during the regular season). After

victories over Management in the semi's and an M.B.A. team in the finals, the law school had completed an unprecedented sweep.

Thanks to all members of the Men's team: Pitcher Bob "Line-Drive to the Head" Higgins, Catcher Dave "Don't mess with a Streak" Lametti, Infielders Scot "The Quiet One" Diamond, Art "Sloth" Wechsler, Randall "Fatty" Hofley, and new additions Neil Wechsler and Seth Dalfen, and Outfielders Shahir "Not this weekend" Guindi, Martin "Lucky" Salomon, Howie "Part-Time" Manis, Richard "Walk" Swan, Ken "Gunner" Aboud, and Tom Friedland.

Likewise, congrats to the Co-Rec team members: Jane "I'm as fast as any guy" Adolphe, Melinda "I want to do everything" Munro, Liz "I hate catching" Eid, and rookies Stacy Zosky and Kathleen Murphy, Law Jays members Aboud, Higgins, Lametti, Hofley, Dalfen, Diamond, and Friedland, and ringers Neil "Line Drive" Rabinovitch, Pierre "Mr. Versatile" Michaud, and Dave "World B." Morley.

Now on to Ball Hockey....

Careers

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Fitness Institute. With all these fringe benefits, why wouldn't you want to article where you "summered"? I am not exaggerating. When it comes time for articling interviews, many firms resent the fact that you may want to look elsewhere and try to convince you to stay. In my case, I had had a great summer but just wanted to make sure there wasn't something better out there for me. When I

took my summer job, had I really realized the long term consequences? Did I appreciate that one summer job becomes an articling commitment which becomes a fight to be hired back as an associate and eventually made a partner? I went to eight interviews and found the whole process terribly confusing. The interviews were very different from the ones I had for summer jobs. Firms were selling themselves to me more than I was selling myself to them. And yet, many firms only met with me out of courtesy (although some firms outrightly refuse to interview other firms' summer students for articling positions) - they could tell right away that I was unlikely to "move" and said that if I was "serious about them, I could call to meet more people. Don't get me wrong - if you really want to move, you can - you just have to convince your interviewer of that fact but it's a hard decision to make, especially when every firm seems to be selling a similar package.

You can weigh the pros and cons yourself. Personally, I'm glad I worked in a firm last summer because I don't think I'm as worried about articling as I would have been had I not already spent four months in the firm. I was given the opportunity to work with several lawyers on some very interesting files, I attended legal education seminars and improved my legal research and writing skills tremendously. Sometimes, however, I think it would have been better to have gone through the articling process as a "fresh candidate" instead of someone else's summer student. Maybe I didn't have to rush into the law firm environment. As many lawyers kept asking me throughout the summer, "Why did you want to spend your summer working in a bank tower? You have your whole life to do that."

Sports Corner Le Coin des Sportifs

by Anthony M. Fata, Athletic Coordinator

A general information meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 12:00 p.m. in room 200. All those who have signed up should attend.

Il ne reste aucune place pour les Jeux-Ridiques. Si vous désirez participer, veuillez inscrire votre nom sur la liste d'attente. S.V.P., laissez votre nom dans ma boîte à l'A.E.D. (coordonnateur des sports).